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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
COMMERCE AND TRADE

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Commerce and Trade was called to order by the Chair.

Chairman Leutheuser requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Leutheuser, Garcia, Hughes, Kesto, McCready, Iden, Frederick, Hornberger, Rendon, Camilleri, Greimel, Byrd, Geiss, Neeley and Scott.

Members absent/excused: None

Representative Garcia moved to adopt the March 13th, 2018, minutes. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid House Bill Nos. 4916 and 4917 before the committee:

HB 4916 (Howrylak) Businesses; limited liability companies; late filing penalty for annual reports; modify.

HB 4917 (Howrylak) Businesses; business corporations; late filing penalty for reports; modify.

The Chair laid the committee at ease at 10:40 a.m.

The Chair returned the committee to order at 10:41 a.m.

Representative Garcia moved to report **House Bill No. 4916** with recommendation. The motion prevailed **15-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Leutheuser, Garcia, Hughes, Kesto, McCready, Iden, Frederick, Hornberger, Rendon, Camilleri, Greimel, Byrd, Geiss, Neeley and Scott.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Garcia moved to report **House Bill No. 4917** with recommendation. The motion prevailed **15-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Leutheuser, Garcia, Hughes, Kesto, McCready, Iden, Frederick, Hornberger, Rendon, Camilleri, Greimel, Byrd, Geiss, Neeley and Scott.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid Senate Bill No. 841 before the committee:

SB 841 (Brandenburg) Businesses; partnerships; liability for obligations of limited liability partnerships; clarify.

Representative Iden moved to report **Senate Bill No. 841** with recommendation. The motion prevailed **15-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Leutheuser, Garcia, Hughes, Kesto, McCready, Iden, Frederick, Hornberger, Rendon, Camilleri, Greimel, Byrd, Geiss, Neeley and Scott.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid House Bill Nos. 5726 - 5729 before the committee:

HB 5726 (Leutheuser) Trade; business practices; pyramid promotional schemes; prohibit.

HB 5727 (Hornberger) Businesses; franchises; prohibition against pyramid schemes; revise in franchise investment law.

HB 5728 (Noble) Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crime of engaging in pyramid promotion schemes; provide for.

HB 5729 (Iden) Consumer protection; unfair trade practices; application of consumer protection act to pyramid schemes; clarify.

John Webb, representing the Direct Selling Association, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Bryan Harrison, representing Amway, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Jeremy Smuckler representing the American Communications Network, Kerry Tassopoulos representing Mary Kay Inc., Trey Campbell, representing Southwestern Advantage, and Noah Bryson representing Nuskin Enterprises, all testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Dan Papineau, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Amy Drumm, representing the Michigan Retailers Association.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Representative Eric Leutheuser, Chair_____

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